

Clerk, Ben. F. Hill, directed to call the roll, when the following members appeared and answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Speaker, Bee, Bryan of B., Bryan of C., Browder, Cannon, Charlton, Coles, Evans of A., Evans of P., Flanagan, Hamilton, Hardeman of C., Hardeman of N., Hood, Hooker, Hord, Johnson, Jowers, Lane, Lawson, Lott, Mabry, McDade, Patrick, Pollock, Randolph, Rossey, Rowe, Runnels, Russell, Stapp, Tarrant, Taylor of F., Taylor of H., Throckmorton, Wilson and Wren.

There not being a quorum present, the Speaker announced it in order for members elected to fill vacancies, to present themselves to be qualified; when the following gentlemen presented themselves with their credentials, took the oath of office required by the constitution, and their seats, to wit: Hon. Geo. M. Reid, from District No. 50, composed of the counties of DeWitt and Goliad, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Robert Peebles; Hon. Hillary M. Crabb, from District No. 31, composed of the county of Walker, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. F. L. Hatch; Hon. Edward A. Palmer, from District No. 33, composed of the county of Harris, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Thomas Harrison; Hon. William W. Dunlap, from District No. 51, composed of the counties of Cameron and Hidalgo, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. H. L. Grinstead; Hon. James W. Throckmorton, from District No. 25, composed of the counties of Collin and Denton, to fill the vacancy occasioned by his own resignation; Hon. Charles Westmoreland, from District No. 13, composed of the county of Cass, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. R. P. Crump.

The roll was then again called, and there not being a quorum present, Mr. Cannon moved an adjournment until two o'clock, p. m.;

Mr. Jowers moved an adjournment until 10 o'clock to-morrow; lost.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Polk, the House adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

AUSTIN, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1853.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Andrews, Bryan of Cam., Camp, Doom,

Evans of Austin, Fields, Hord, Howard, McFarland, Neal, Reid, Sims, Stewart, Tankersley, Tarver, Taylor of F., Titus, Turner, White and Wren.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jowers, the Hon. J. M. Crockett, member elect from the 26th District, composed of the county of Dallas, to fill the vacancy occasioned by his own resignation, took the oath of office and his seat.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the House proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. I. C. Polk.

When Mr. Hamilton nominated Mr. Thos. P. Rountree,

Mr. Bee nominated Mr. W. W. Atwood.

Mr. Lott " Mr. T. P. Plasters.

Mr. Flanagan " Mr. Leander Tipps.

Mr. Tarrant " Mr. C. C. Anderson.

Mr. Charlton " Mr. Robt. W. Willett.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Throckmorton, Bee and Jowers tellers, and the House proceeded to ballot.

Upon counting the votes, it appeared that

Mr. Rountree had received 3 votes.

" Anderson " 4 "

" Atwood " 11 "

" Willet " 11 "

" Plasters " 18 "

" Tipps " 6 "

No one of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, the House proceeded to a second balloting, when

Mr. Rountree received 2 votes.

" Anderson " 4 "

" Atwood " 16 "

" Willet " 8 "

" Plasters " 18 "

" Tipps " 5 "

Neither of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, the House proceeded to a third balloting, when

Mr. Anderson received 5 votes

" Atwood " 16 "

" Willet " 9 "

" Plasters " 18 "

" Tipps " 4 "

Mr. Hamilton having previously withdrawn the name of Mr. Rountree.

There yet being no choice, the House proceeded to ballot a fourth time, when

Mr. Anderson received 4 votes.

" Atwood " 17 "

" Willet " 10 "

" Plasters " 22 "

Mr. Flanagan having previously withdrawn the name of Mr. Tipps.

There yet being no choice, the House proceeded to a fifth balloting, when

Mr. Plasters received 22 votes.

" Atwood " 21 "

" Willet " 10 "

There yet being no choice, the House proceeded to a sixth balloting, when

Mr. Plasters received 23 votes.

" Atwood " 24 "

" Willet " 7 "

There still being no choice, the House proceeded to a seventh balloting, when

Mr. Atwood received 28 votes.

" Plasters " 26 "

Mr. Charlton having previously withdrawn the name of Mr. Willet.

It appearing that Mr. Atwood had received a majority of all the votes cast, the Speaker declared him duly and constitutionally elected Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Representatives during the present term.

Mr. Johnson moved that the office of Second Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives be declared vacant, and that the House do now proceed to an election to fill said vacancy.

Mr. Scott moved to lay the motion upon the table, upon which the yeas and nays were called for and stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Cannon, Evans of B., Lane, Lawson, Mabry, Maverick, Neighbors, Pollock, Rowe, Runnels, Scott, Taylor of F., Taylor of H., and Thomson—14.

Nays—Messrs. Speaker, Bee, Bryan of B., Bryan of C., Browder, Charlton, Coles, Crabb, Crockett, Daggett, Dunlap, Edwards, Evans of A., Evans of P., Flanagan, Hamilton, Hardeman of C., Hardeman of N., Hood, Hooker, Hord, Johnson, Jowers, Lott, McDade, Palmer, Patrick, Rains, Randolph, Reid, Rossey, Russell, Speights, Stapp, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Westmoreland, Wilson and Wren—39.

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of Mr. John-

son's motion, was put and carried in the affirmative; and the House proceeded to the election of that officer.

Nominations being in order—

Mr. Daggett nominated Mr. C. L. Mann.

" Coles " " P. Priestley.

Hardeman of N., " " Josiah F. Crosby.

Upon counting the ballot, it appeared that

Mr. Crosby had received 41 votes.

" Mann " 9 "

" Priestley " 3 "

Mr. Crosby having received a majority of all the votes, the Speaker declared him duly and constitutionally elected Second Assistant Clerk to the House of Representatives for the present term.

The officers elect then came forward and were duly installed into their respective offices.

On motion of Mr. Evans of B., the House adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met—roll called—quorum present. A message was received from the Senate, through the Hon. George W. Hill, informing the House that the Senate had organized and was ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Bexar, the Speaker appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Evans of Bexar, Hord and Rowe, to wait upon the Honorable Senate, and inform that body that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The committee returned and reported duty performed.

A message was received from the Senate, through their Secretary, informing the House that the Senate had appointed a committee to act with a like committee to be raised on the part of the House, to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses of the Legislature had organized and were ready to receive any communication he had to make.

On motion of Mr. Bryan of C., a like committee was raised on the part of the House, which consisted of Messrs. Bryan of C., Hood and Hartley.

The committee, after a short absence, returned and reported the performance of the duty assigned them; and that His Excellency returned for answer that he would transmit to the two Houses of the Legislature a communication in writing, at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wren, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

AUSTIN, Wednesday, January 12, 1853.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Camp, Daggett, Doom, Fields, Hamilton, Hartley, Howard, Johnson, Lane, McFarland, Neal, Sims, Stewart, Tankersly, Tarver, Titus, Wilson and Wren.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Bee submitted the petition of J. P. Pritchard, praying relief; referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Andrews submitted the petition of John R. MacMurdo, praying relief; referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Hamilton submitted the petition of Robert Hunter, Attorney for A. O. Smith, and accompanying documents, praying relief; referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Scott submitted the petition of William E. Mayhew, Alexander Fisher and William D. Miller, praying relief; referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Neighbors submitted the petition of R. J. Jones, praying relief; referred to Finance committee.

Mr. Neighbors submitted the petition of F. Giraud, praying relief; referred to Finance committee.

Mr. Russell submitted the petition of the citizens of Van Zandt county, praying that land therein named be condemned for the use of said county.

Mr. Hartley submitted the petition of William McCoy, praying for land; referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Andrews submitted the memorial of Thomas Dean, praying relief; referred to committee on Public Land.

Mr. Palmer submitted the petition of Elizabeth Berry, praying for land; referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rossy submitted the petition of G. P. Wrede, praying relief; referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Neighbors presented the petition of Maria de Jesus Trevino, praying for Land; referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cannon submitted the petition of James Crossland,